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1. I HAVE STATED BEFORE, BUT BELIEVE IT IS SELF-EVIDENT,
THAT THERE ARE FEW ECONOMIC POSITIONS ANY PLACE AS IM-
PORTANT AS THE ECONOMIC/COUNSELOR IN SAUDI ARABIA (OR
ECONOMIC MINISTER WHEN THE POST IS RAISED TO CLASS I).
COMPETENT FSO-2'S SHOULD BE QUEING UP FOR THE JOB.

2. DHAHRAN WILL BE THE CENTER FOR SAUDI ARABIA'S \$100
BILLION INDUSTRIALIZATION PROGRAM AND THE POST IS ALREADY
INCREASING IN IMPORTANCE. WE HAVE 10,000 AMERICANS IN
THE CONSULAR DISTRICT NOW. THE PETROLEUM MINISTER HAS
TOLD ME HE EXPECTS THE INDUSTRIALIZATION PROGRAM TO BRING
35,000 AMERICAN WORKERS TO SAUDI ARABIA IN THE NEXT FIVE
YEARS. WITH FAMILIES, THIS WILL BE OVER 100,000 AMERICANS.
MOST OF THEM WILL BE IN THE DHAHRAN CONSULAR DISTRICT.
AND THE CONGEN WOULD BY MAYOR.

3. YOU ARE RIGHT, WE ARE INTERESTED MORE IN "ENERGETIC,
FACILE, MOBILE REPORTERS" (WITH ARABIC IF POSSIBLE)
THAN IN RANK, PER SE. AND WE HAVE NEVER INSISTED THAT
THEY BE DRAWN FROM THE ECONOMIC CONE. BUT WE ARE ALSO
INTERESTED IN EXPERIENCE AND MATURITY. YOUTH IS NOT RPT
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NOT AN ADVANTAGE IN SAUDI ARABIA.

4. WHILE I WOULD NOT OBJECT TO FSO-3 PARAGONS IN DHAHRAN OR PERHAPS EVEN IN JIDDA, I WOULD HOPE THAT THE SEARCH FOR BOTH JOBS COULD BE EXTENDED UPWARD, I.E. TO THE FSO-1 LEVEL.

5. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT BOTH JOBS, ESPECIALLY THE JIDDA ONE, BE FILLED SOON. BAHTI IS WILLING TO STAY ON (ALTHOUGH HE NATURALLY DOESN'T WANT AN OPEN-ENDED EXTENSION) BUT BIRD WILL DEFINITELY BE LEAVING IN AUGUST.
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